

REMARKS

An excess claim fee payment letter is submitted herewith for one excess independent claim and four (4) excess total claims.

Claims 1-24 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 13-24 have been added to assure Applicant the degree of protection to which his invention entitles him.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only to assure grammatical and idiomatic English and improved form under United States practice, and are not made to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shiraishi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,621,508B1. This rejection is traversed.

The claimed invention is directed to a portable information terminal equipment with a browser function, and to a display method for a portable information terminal equipment with a browser function. In exemplary embodiments of the invention, as set forth, for example, in independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, image information is downloaded from a Web server through a communication line to the portable information terminal equipment. The image information includes image data and display sequence information of the image data.

Shiraishi, et al. discloses an information processing system in which image

information is downloaded from a Web server to a personal computer from which the image information is transferred to a portable information terminal equipment.

The Office Action contends that Shiraishi discloses a portable computer having a browser function, and cites Shiraishi at column 12, lines 28-33 and column 14, lines 10-20. This contention is traversed. At column 12, lines 28-33 Shiraishi is describing PC 1 in his Figures 4 and 5, not portable computer 2. Column 14, lines 16-20 state that the boot program for PC 1 accesses the storage unit 12, which is in PC 1, and reads the Web browser. At column 12, lines 28-33 Shiraishi states that the Web browser is stored within storage unit 12 of PC 1. There is no showing or suggestion of Shiraishi's portable computer having a browser function.

At column 14, line 35, Shiraishi describes his portable computer as including a "wireless communication unit 25C". However, there is still no showing or suggestion of a browser function.

The Office Action contends that Shiraishi discloses acquiring image information from a web server through a communication line, and cites Shiraishi at column 53, lines 4-7. This contention is traversed. That passage states that the PC can access other servers on the Internet; it does not teach or suggest downloading image information from a Web server through a communication line to a portable information terminal equipment.

It is accordingly submitted that independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 distinguish patentably from Shiraishi and are allowable.

In the exemplary embodiments of independent claims 13 and 19, as well as dependent claims 4 and 10, the display sequence information includes image tilt information for setting

whether to perform rotation of the display of a controlled image. The Office Action contends that Shiraishi teaches rotation of the display at column 37, lines 55-64, column 38, lines 57-65, and column 39, lines 53-64. This contention is traversed.

At column 37, lines 55-64 Shiraishi discusses rotating a cursor button 301A. Rotating a cursor button is not rotating of the display. At column 38, lines 57-65 Shiraishi states that rotating the cursor button 301A moves the position of the desired icon. Moving the position of an icon is not rotating of the display of a controlled image, as required by the claims. At column 39, lines 53-64 Shiraishi states that scrolling can be performed by rotational operating of the cursor button 301A. Scrolling is not rotating of the display of a controlled image, as required by the claims.

The Office Action also contends that Shiraishi teaches a tilt function at column 14, line 62 to column 15, line 6. This contention is traversed. That portion of Shiraishi states that his portable computer includes detecting means for detecting the attitude angle of the display unit as to a horizontal plane. The computer turns on its electrical power in the event that the detected angle is within a certain attitude angle range and turns off the electrical power in the event that the detected angle is not within the certain attitude angle range. Accordingly, the user is able to turn the power on or off by tilting the display device, and power is turned off when the user is not looking at the display screen. Tilting the display unit is not rotating the display.

It is accordingly submitted that independent claims 13 and 19 and their dependent claims 14-18 and 20-24, as well as claims 4 and 10, distinguish from Shiraishi for this further reason and are allowable.

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A Certified copy of the Japanese priority application was submitted when this application was filed. The Office Action does not acknowledge receipt of it. Acknowledgement is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-24, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.


Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-048

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